

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-9, 12-19, 21-26, and 29-34 and amended claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 27, and 28 are in this application.

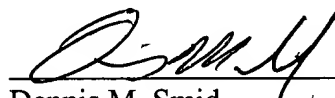
Claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 27, and 28 have been amended herein. It is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 27, and 28 and the claims dependent therefrom (i.e. 2-9, 12-19, 21-26, and 29-34) are in compliance with the written description requirement. Support for the claim amendments can be found on page 16, lines 13-17 of the present application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 112, first paragraph rejection of claims 1-34 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 27, and 28 have been amended herein. It is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 27, and 28 and the claims dependent therefrom (i.e. 2-9, 12-19, 21-26, and 29-34) are in compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 1-34 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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